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SUBJECT: MFA THINKING ON ENERGY CONFERENCE

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1. DCM RAISED WITH GUAZZARONI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF ECONOMIC

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AFFAIRS MFA, DEVELOPMENT OF ITALIAN THINKING CONCERNING THE FEBRUARY

11. ENERGY CONFERENCE. GUAZZARONI IS THE SENIOR GOI OFFICIAL MOST DIRECTLY INVOLVED THUS FAR IN THIS ASPECT OF INTERNATIONAL ENERGY MATTERS.

2. GUAZZARONI TOLD DCM THAT PRIME MINISTER'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S JANUARY 9 INVITATION IS TODAY (JAN 23) BEFORE PRIME MINISTER FOR SIGNATURE AND, BARRING UNEXPECTED DEVELOPMENTS, SHOULD BE DELIVERED VERY SHORTLY. HE SAID THAT GOI REPLY AS PROVIDED BY MFA IS FAIRLY LENGTHY. WHILE WE WILL REFRAIN FROM COMMENT UNTIL LETTER IS RECEIVED, GUAZZARONI DID REMARK THAT REPLY IS FAVORABLE, AFFIRMATIVE AND TOUCHES ON GOI SENSITIVITIES CONCERNING ITS DESIRE TO AVOID PRODUCER-CONSUMER CONFRONTATIONS.

3. GUAZZARONI POINTED OUT (AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTER MORO WILL BE MAKING HIS TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST FROM JANUARY 29 TO FEBRUARY 3 AND THEN PROCEEDING TO BRUSSELS FOR EC COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 4 AND 5. GUAZZARONI WILL ACCOMPANY HIM. HE NOTED THIS PUTS TIME CONSTRAINT ON GOI ABILITY TO MEET WITH PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY. GUAZZARONI SAID MFA, IN ORDER TO FACILITATE WHAT HE EXPECTS TO BE CROWDED SCHEDULE, WILL PROBABLY ORGANIZE A WORKING LUNCH WITH THE PRESIDENTIAL EMISSARY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT, AS GOI IS ORGANIZED, MANY MINISTRIES--FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INDUSTRY, FINANCE, TREASURY, BUDGET--PLUS PRIME MINISTER, WILL BE INVOLVED.

4. GUAZZARONI TOLD US THAT GOI HAS STILL NOT DECIDED COMPOSITION OF ITS DELEGATION TO THE CONFERENCE. HE OBSERVED THAT IT IS HARDLY LIKELY THAT CONFERENCE WILL BE ABLE TO GO INTO SUBSTANTIVE DETAIL BUT IF THIS APPEARS TO BE THE CASE, GOI WILL NAME ITS CHIEF OF DELEGATION ACCORDINGLY. IT IS AT LEAST POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE OTHER THAN MORO MIGHT HEAD THE GROUP, ALTHOUGH GUAZZARONI AGREED WHEN WE POINTED OUT THE NEED FOR POLITICAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL REPRESENTATION. GUAZZARONI NOTED THE INDICATIONS THAT THE UK WILL SEND LORD CARRINGTON.

5. GUAZZARONI ALSO REFERRED TO THE DELICATE PROCESS OF SEEKING TO WORK OUT A COMMUNITY POSITION. HE SAID THAT GOI IS WATCHING WITH PARTICULAR ATTENTION FRENCH POSITION, IN ADDITION TO GUAGING AS CAREFULLY AS POSSIBLE THE REACTION OF THE PRODUCERS TO THE CONFERENCE. RE STATE 15406 GUAZZARONI ADDED THAT GOI IS NOT IN FAVOR OF A UN CONFIDENTIAL

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ENERGY CONFERENCE AS PROPOSED BY GOF, FEELING THAT HIS INITIATIVE IS PREMATURE, UNHELPFUL, AND IN ANY EVENT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DEPENDENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE FEBRUARY 11 CONFERENCE. HE COULD IMAGINE ALL KINDS OF DIFFICULTIES, ONE OF THEM BEING AN UNCTAD-TYPE OF IMBROGLIO, THAT AN UN CONFERENCE COULD BRING ABOUT. VOLPE

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